Vedic Vivaha Sanskara Mantras

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INTRODUCTION

In this small booklet all the important and essential Mantras pertaining to the Vedic Matrimonial ceremony are given with their appropriate English versions for the persons interested in the ceremony but having not the sufficient knowledge of Sanskrit or Hindi.

I hope that the effort will be appreciated and mistakes pointed out for necessary corretions here-after.

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Vistara Mantrah

(This mantra is to be uttered by the bride-groom when a seat or bed of Kusha grass is offered to him.)

ओ३म् वर्ष्मोऽस्मि समानानामुद्यतामिव सूर्य्यः ।
इमन्तमभितिष्ठामि यो मा कश्चाभिदासति ॥

पार० १।३।८

Om Varshmosmi samananam udyatamiva sooryah. Imantam abhitishthami yo ma Kashchabhidasati.

I am more lovely and handsome amongst those of my age. I am upright and rising like the sun. Any one who dares to enslave me I will put him under my heel.

Padya Mantrah

(This mantra is to be chanted by the bride-groom when some water for washing his feet is offered to him.)

ओ३म् विराजो दोहोऽसि विराजो दोहमशीय मयि पाद्यायै विराजो दोहः ॥ पार० १।३।१२

Om virajo dohosi virajo dohamashiya. Mayi Padyayai Virajo dohah.

O thou charming water! Positively thou art a medicinal extract and efficacious like milk. Your presence as Padyam is undoubtedly auspicious.

Argha Mantrah

(These three mantras are to be chanted by the bridegroom while argha is presented to him.)

ओ३म् आपस्थ युष्माभिः सर्वान्कामानवाप्नवामि ॥१

ओ३म् समुद्रं वः प्रहिणोमि स्वां योनिमभिगच्छत ॥२

ओ३म् अरिष्टा अस्माकं वीरा मा पर आसेचि मत्पयः ॥३

पार० १।३।१३

Om Apastha Yushmabhih sarvan Kaman avapnavami.

Om samudram vah Prahinomi swam yonim abhigachchata.

Om Arishta asmakam Veera Ma Para asechi mat payah.

1. O thou water of my holy land ! Be calm and quiet. I shall accomplish all my national achievements through your agency.
2. You proceed undisturbed to your abode, the ocean and I make way for thee.
3. Our national armies are well equipped and ever cautious so that none of the enemies should ever dare to enter our sea-coasts.

Achamana Mantrah

(This mantra is also to be chanted by the bridegroom when water for sipping is offered to him.)

ओ३म् आ मागन् यशसा संसृज वर्चसा ।
तं मा कुरू प्रियं प्रजानामधिपतिं पशूनामरिष्टिं तनूनाम् ।
पार० १।३।१५

Om Amagan Yashasa Sansrija Varchasa tam ma Kuru Priyam Prajanam adhipatim Pashoonam arishtim tanoonam.

O Thou All Pervading Lord ! Lead me to a glorious and brilliant life. Make me generous and benevolent to my family members and neighbours and make me protector of my cattle and let all of us live a sound health.

Madhuparka Mantrah

(These mantras are to be chanted by the bridegroom when some liquid of butter and honey is offered to him.)

ओ३म् देवस्य त्वा सवितुः प्रसवेऽश्विनोर्बाहुभ्यां पूष्णो हस्ताभ्यां प्रति गृह्णामि ॥१॥ यजु० १।१०

ओ३म् भूर्भुवः स्वः । मधु वाता ऋतायते मधु क्षरन्ति सिन्धवः माध्वीर्नः सन्त्वोषधीः ॥२॥

ओ३म् भूर्भुवः स्वः । मधु नक्तमुतोषसो मधुमत्पार्थिवं रजः । मधु द्यौरस्तु नः पिता ॥३॥

ओ३म् भूर्भुवः स्वः । मधुमान्नो वनस्पतिर्मधुमां अस्तु सूर्यः । माध्वीर्गावो भवन्तु नः ॥४॥

यजु० अ० १३ मं० २७–२९

1. *Om devasya tva savituh prasave ashwinor bahubhyam pooshno hastabhyam prati grihnami.*
2. *Om bhoor bhuvah swah Madhuvata ritayate madhu Ksharanti sindhavah Madhveer nah Santvoshadhih.*
3. *Om bhoor bhuvah swah madhu naktam utoshaso Madhumat Parthivam rajah madhu dyaurastu nah Pita.*

4. *Om bhoor bhuvah swah madhumanno Vanaspatir madhuman astu sooryah Madhvirgavo bhavantu nah.*

1. O Thou Precious Madhu Parka ! I hold thee by the hands of physical and mental healers and hold thee by arms meant for protecting others in the creation of the Holy Lord.

2. O Thou Omnipresent Lord ! Thou art the destroyer of evils and bestower of the divine bliss. Let by thy grace the atmosphere be quiet and calm, the rivers may flow water sweet and efficacious and the herbs and plants be conducive to our health.

3. O Thou Omnipresent Lord ! Thou art the Annihilator of the evil doers and bestower of divine bliss. Let by thy grace our nights be calm and soothing and dawn be always pleasant and harmonious. By thy grace the particles of earth be free from injurious germs and gases and the rays of the sun be pleasant and protective.

4. O Thou Omnipresent Lord ! Thou art the Annihilator of evil tendencies

and giver of divine prosperity. Let by thy grace the trees yield sweet and nourishing fruits, the sun-shine be pleasant and the cows yield milk sweet and conducive to health.

Vastra Paridhan Mantrah

(The first two mantras are to be chanted by the bride-groom while offering garments to the bride and the next two also to be chanted by him while he himself puts on the sacrificial garments.)

ओ३म् जरां गच्छ परिधत्स्व वासो भवाकृष्टीनामभिशस्ति पावा। शतं च जीव शरदः सुवर्चा रयिं च पुत्राननु संव्ययस्वायुष्मतीदं परिधत्स्व वासः ॥१॥

ओ३म् या अकृन्तन्नवयन् या अतन्वत याश्च देवीस्तन्तूनभितो ततन्थ। तास्त्वा देवीर्जरसे संव्ययस्वायुष्मतीदं परिधत्स्व वासः ॥२॥ पार० १।४।१२-१३

ओ३म् परिधास्यै यशोधास्यै दीर्घायुत्वाय जरदष्टिरस्मि शतं च जीवामि शरदः पुरुची रायस्पोषमभि संव्ययिष्ये ॥३॥

ओ३म् यशसा मा द्यावापृथिवी यशसेन्द्राबृहस्पती। यशो भगश्च माविन्द्यशो मा प्रतिपद्यताम् ॥४॥

पार० २।६।२०-२१

1. *Om jaram gachcha Paridhatswa Vaso bhava Krishtinam abhishasti pava. Shatam cha jeeva sharadah suvarcha rayim cha putran anusamvayayaswa ayushmateedam Paridhatswa vasah.*
2. *Om ya akrintan avayan ya atanvata yashcha Devistantoon abhito tatantha. Tastva Devir Jarase sam Vyayaswa ayushmateedam paridhatswa Vasah.*
3. *Om Paridhasyai yashodhasyai deergha ayutvaya jaradashtir asmi shatam cha jeevami sharadah Puroochee rayasposham abhisam vyayishye.*
4. *Om Yashasa ma dyavaprithivi yashasa indrabrihaspatee. Yasho bhagascha ma avindat yasho ma Prati Padyutam.*

1. O thou respected madam ! Have these sacrificial garments and be accustomed to them. Keep thyself always aloof from persons of evil designs. Try to lead a long and prosperous life with sound health and always aspire for noble progeny only.
2. O thou revered lady ! These garments are hand-spun and hand-woven and prepared by my family female members.

These sacrificial garments may lead you to a long and prosperous life.

3. I also put on this sacrificial garment for my own safety's sake. I will try to lead a long, noble and prosperous family life. May God help me.

4. Let sky and earth help me in leading a glorious life. Let the acquisition of wealth and the association of the divinities lead me to become glorious and prosperous in my future life.

Vivah-prastavana or declaration of the couple

ओ३म् समञ्जन्तु विश्वेदेवाः समापो हृदयानि नौ ।
सं मातरिश्वा सं धाता समुद्रेष्टी दधातु नौ ॥
ऋ० १०।८५।४७ पार० १।४।१४

Om samanjantu Vishvedevah samapohridayani nau sam matarishva sam dhata samudreshti dadhatu nau.

Let all the gentlemen and ladies assembled at the function know that our hearts shall always remain calm and united. Both of us shall love each other as we love our vital air Prana. And wc shall always sustain each other and pay mutual respects to each other.

Samkalpa

(The Samkalpa is to be read by the guardian of the girl while appointing a priest to conduct the ceremony.)

अथ जम्बूद्वीपे भरतखण्डे आर्यावर्त्तान्तर्गत''' प्रदेशे, श्री ब्रह्मणो द्वितीयप्रहरार्द्धे वैवस्वतमन्वन्तरे अष्टाविंशतितमे कलियुगे कलिप्रथमचरणे, श्रीमन्महाराज विक्रमादित्यस्य राज्यतो गताब्दे······अमुक मासे······अमुक पक्षे······ अमुक तिथौ''' अमुक वासरे''' अमुक नक्षत्रे''' अमुक गोत्रोत्पन्नोऽहं'''शीलगुणसम्पन्नाया आत्मजाया अमुक देव्याः······· पाणिग्रहण संस्कार कारयितुं पण्डितवरं''' भवन्तं वृणे ।

Atha jamboo dveepe Bharat Khande Aryavarta antargat .... Pradeshe Shri Brohmno dviteeya praharadhe Vaivaswat manvantare ashta Vinshatitame Kaliyuge Kaliprathama charane. Shriman Maharaja Vikramadityasya rajyato gatabde .... amuka mase amuka Pakshe amuka tithao amuka vasare amuka nakshtre amuka gotrotpannoham sheelaguna sampannayah atmajaya amuka devyah Panigrahan samskara Karayitum Pundit varam .... bhavantam vrine.

In this continent of Asia, in this Greater India, in this second land of Arya Varta, in this holy state ...., in this town ...., in this second quarter of the creation period, in the age of Vivaswan Manu, in this first quarter of the 28th Kali-period, in this .... Vikram Era, in this bright or dark half of the month of ..., on this tithi ..., and on this ...... day and during the Nakshatra (star) ...... I belonging to the race of the sage ... ... do appoint Pt . ... for conducting the marriage ceremony of my daughter.

Panigrahan Mantrah or the declarations of the bridegroom

ओ३म् गृभ्णामि ते सौभगत्वाय हस्तं मया पत्या जरदष्टिर्यथासः। भगो अर्यमा सविता पुरन्धिर्मह्यं त्वादुर्गार्हपत्याय देवाः ॥१॥ ऋ० १०।८५।३३

Gribhnami te saubhagatvaya hastam maya patya jaradashtih yathasah. Bhago Aryama Savita Purandhih Mahyam tva aduh garhya Patyaya devah.

1. O thou respected Virgin ! I hold thy hand for the prosperity of my race. I pledge to serve you even when you attain old age. I consider that the Lord of Prosperity, justice,

creation and protection has offered you to me. Our learned parents and teachers have consented for this life-long matrimonial alliance.

ओ३म् भगस्ते हस्तमग्रभीत् सविता हस्तमग्रभीत् ।
पत्नी त्वमसि धर्मणाहं गृहपतिस्तव ॥२॥

अथर्व० १४।१।१।५

Om Bhagaste hastamagrabheet Savita hastamagrabheet. Patnitvamasi dharmana aham grihapatistava.

2. I for the sake of real prosperity and progeny hold thy hand and it shall be my ardent duty to serve you whole life. I shall faithfully perform all the duties assigned to a family head.

ओ३म् ममेयमस्तु पोष्या मह्यं त्वादाद् बृहस्पतिः ।
मया पत्या प्रजावति शं जीव शरदः शतम् ॥३॥

अथर्व० १४।१।१।५२

Om mameyamastu poshya mahyam tva adat Brihaspatih. Maya Patya Prajavati sham jeeva shardah shatam.

3. I consider you as a gift from the Omniscient Lord and shall religiously serve you. You may live with me, thy husband, comfor-

tably for the whole life of hundred years or more along with your entire would be progeny.

ओ३म् त्वष्टा वासो व्यदधाच्छुभे कं बृहस्पते प्रशिषा कवीनाम् । तेनेमां नारीं सविता भगश्च सूर्यामिव परिधत्तां प्रजया ॥४॥

Om Tvashta Vaso Vyadadhachchubhe Kam Brihaspati Prashisha Kaveenam. Tenemam Nareem Savita Bhagashcha sooryamiva Paridhattam Prajaya.

4. O thou my better-half! The Lord who had created this universe shall provide blissful abode for us. We shall follow faithfully the Commands of the Divine Lord and the teachings of the world divinities. Just like sun, stretching its rays all round for the prosperity of the world, I shall maintain the bride with her progeny.

ओ३म् इन्द्राग्नी द्यावापृथिवी मातरिश्वा मित्रावरूणा भगो अश्विनोभा । बृहस्पतिर्मरुतो ब्रह्म सोम इमां नारीं प्रजया वर्धयन्तु ॥५॥ अथर्व० १४।१।५४

Om indragni dyavaprithivee matarishwa Mitravaruna bhago ashwinobha. Brihaspati maruto brahma soma imam nareem Prajaya Vardhayantu.

5. Let the electricity and the fire, the sun and the earth, the winds, the vital airs prana and udana, the divine prosperity, both the physical and spiritual healers, the lord of justice, the self-sacrificing warriors and the learned world scholars as well as the moon shining in the sky be helpful in restoring progeny to this blissful lady.

ओ३म् अहं विष्यामि मयि रूपमस्या वेददित्पश्यन्मनसा कुलायं । न स्तेयमद्मि मनसोदमुच्ये स्वयं श्रथनानो वरुणस्य पाशान् ॥६॥ अथर्व० १४।१।५७

Om aham Vishyami mayi roopamasya vedadit Pashyanmansa Kulayam. Na steyam admi mansoda muchye swayam shrathanano Varunasya Pashan.

6. With the aim of achieving family prosperity both of us should mutually admire the beauties of our respective internal feelings. I shall neither conceal any thing from her nor shall enjoy stealthily any object of life. I swear to fight out the worldly evil tendencies even when I attain old age.

Pratigna Panikrama Mantrah or the Pledges of the Couple

ओ३म् अमोऽहमस्मि सा त्वं सामाहमस्म्यृक्त्वं द्यौरहं

पृथिवी त्वं । ताविह संभवाय प्रजामाजनयावहै ।।

अथर्वं० १४।२।७१

Om amohamasmi saatvam samaham asmi riktvam, dyauraham Prithivee tvam. Taviha sambhavaya Prajam ajanayavahai.

I (the bridegroom) thoroughly understanding the implications of this alliance hold thy hand with mine to serve mankind religiously and so should thou (the bride) stretch thy hand.

I (the bridegroom) pledge to respect always the woman race and so should thou (the bride) respect the manly qualities in me. I (bridegroom) like the shining sun shall always remain laborious and hard working and you should always perform the house-hold duties enjoined upon you firmly just like earth. We both put ourselves within this holy alliance. We both solemnly affirm to produce ideal progeny only.

Shila Arohanam

(The bridegroom requests the bride to put her right foot on a stone and utter thus.)

ओ३म् आरोहेममश्मानमश्मेव त्वं स्थिरा भव ।
अभितिष्ठ पृतन्यतोऽवबाधस्व पृतनायतः ।।

पार० १।७।१

Om arohemam ashmanam ashmeva tvam-sthira bhava. Abhitishtha Pritanyato avaba-dhasva Pritanayatah.

O thou revered madam ! Put thy foot upon this stone and be firm as it is in your vows. God may bless you with physical strength and moral courage to trample those who approach you with evil designs.

Laja Homa Mantrah
The Solemn Pledges of the bride

ओ३म् स नो अर्यमाऽग्निदेवः प्रेतो मुञ्चतु मा पतेः ॥१॥

ओ३म् आयुष्मानस्तु मे पतिरेधन्तां ज्ञातयो मम ॥२॥

ओ३म् इमान् लाजानवापम्यग्नौ समृद्धिकरणं तव ।
मम तुभ्यञ्च संवननं तदग्निरनुमन्यतामियम् ॥३॥

पार० १।६

1. Om sa no Aryama Agnidevah Preto munchatu Ma Pateh.

2. Om Ayushmanastu me Patiredhantam gnatayoh mama.

3. Om iman lajanavapami agnau samridhi Karanam tava. Mama tubhyamcha samvananam tadagniranumanymatamiyam

1. The Just and Omniscient Lord may bliss me with the courage of departing calmly from

my parents and also bliss me with courage to remain firm in the new world of my revered darling.

2. I pray that by the grace of the Almighty God my husband may attain a long and glorious life and my parents, brothers, sisters and other relations may lead a prosperous life as well.

3. O my respected husband! I put these parched grains in this holy altar with the hope that they may lead you to a prosperous life. I pray God that our holy alliance be blissful and perpetual.

Vara Pratigna

(Solemn declaration of the bridegroom)

ओ३म् सरस्वति प्रेदमव सुभगे वाजिनीवती ।
यान्त्वा विश्वस्य भूतस्य प्रजायामस्याग्रतः ॥
यस्यां भूतं समभवद् यस्यां विश्वमिदं जगत् ।
तामद्य गाथां गास्यामि या स्त्रीणामुत्तमं यशः ॥

पार० १।६

Om saraswati predamava subhage vajineevati. Yantva Vishvasya bhootasya prajayam asyagratah Yasyam bhootam samabhavat yasyam Vishwamidam jagat Tamadya gatham gasyami ya strinamuttamam yashah.

O thou well cultured, educated and blessed lady ! Positively thou art a precious gem for our blessed family. Thou art the representative of the Mother Shakti who is modelling the universe since the beginning of the creation and even today this wheel of the world moves by the grace of the Matri Shakti alone. I swear always to sing the glory of the Matri Shakti with due respect and honour.

Pradakshina Mantrah

(Declaration of the bridegroom)

ओ३म् तुभ्यमग्रे पर्यवहन्त्सूर्यां बहतुना सह ।
पुनः पतिभ्यो जायां दा अग्ने प्रजया सह ॥१॥

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ओ३म् पुनः पत्नीमग्निरदादायुषा सह वर्चसा ।
दीर्घायुरस्या यः पतिर्जीवाति शरदः शतम् ॥२॥

ऋ० १०।८५।३९

1. Om tubhyam agre Paryavahantsooryam Vahatuna saha. Punah patibhyo jayam da agne Prajayu saha.

2. Om Punah Patneem agnih adat ayusha saha Varchasa. Deerghayuh asya yah Patirjeevati sharadah shatam.

1. O thou Divine Lord! I adopt this revered virgin as my wife to lead an ideal family-life and to accomplish the house-hold duties assigned to me. Let this virgin shine like a star and lead a glorious life in my company and let she become a mother of a lovely child at the appropriate time.

2. O Thou Almighty Lord! only by thy grace I have received this virgin as a divine gift. Please make her life long and glorious and shower blessings upon her.

Kesha Mochan

(Priests instructions to the couple)

ओ३म् प्रत्वा मुञ्चामि वरुणस्य पाशाद् येन त्वाबध्नात् सविता सुशेवः ऋतस्य योनौ सुकृतस्य लोकेऽरिष्टान्त्वा सह पत्या दधामि ॥१॥

ओ३म् प्रेतो मुञ्चामि नामुतः सुबद्धाममुतस्करम् । यथेयमिन्द्र मीढ्वः सुपुत्रा सुभगा सती ॥२॥

ऋ० १०।८५।२४-२५

1. Om Pratva munchami Varunasya Pashad yenatva abadhnat savita sushevah ritasya yonao sukritasya loke arishtantva saha patya dadhami.

2. *Om preto munchami namutah subaddham amutaskaram. Yatheyamindra meedvah suputra subhaga satee.*

1. O thou revered Virgin ! Now I set you free from the restrictions traditionally and culturally imposed upon you during your virginhood. However, I keep you under the guidance and protection of this youth, your husband, to lead a life glorious and truthful and to keep aloof from all evils.

2. O thou charming youth ! I also set you free from the restrictions enjoined upon you in your student life. But behold that this blessed virgin who is departing from her maternal home and who is now kept under your direct guidance be thoroughly looked after by you and be kept ever cheerful so that she may lead a prosperous life and be blessed by an ideal progeny.

Sapta Padi

The seven requests of the bride-groom

(At each request the bride accompany him towards the direction of the Polar Star.)

इषे एकपदी भव, सा मामनुव्रता भव। विष्णुस्त्वानयतु
पुत्रान् विन्दावहै बहूंस्ते सन्तु जरदष्टयः ॥१॥

Ishe ekapadee bhava. Sa mamanuvrata bhava. Vishnustva anayatu putran Vindavahai bahoonste santu jaradastayah.

1. O thou respected Madam! Thy first step in this new world, we are stepping in, should be to accompany me in achieving worldly prosperity.

God may help you. In due course we shall also have sons who will serve us when we attain old age.

ऊर्जे द्विपदी भव। सा मामनुव्रता भव विष्णुस्त्वा... ॥२

Oorje dvipadee bhava. Sa mamanuvrata bhava. Vishnustva ....

2. Thy second step should be to develop physically and morally while accompanying me. God may ....

रायस्पोषाय त्रिपदो भव। सा मामनुव्रता भव।
विष्णुस्त्वा...... ॥३॥

Rayasposhaya tripadee bhava. Sa mamanuvrata bhava. Vishnustva. ....

3. Thy third step should be to spend earnings with thrift while accompanying me. God may ....

मयोभवाय चतुष्पदी भव । सा मामनुव्रता भव ।
विष्णुस्त्वा...... ॥४॥

Mayobhavaya chatushpadee bhava. Sa mamanuvrata bhava. Vishnustva. ....

4. Thy fourth step should be to achieve mental and spiritual peace and tranquility while accompanying me. God may ....

प्रजाभ्यः पञ्चपदी भव । सा मामनुव्रता भव ।
विष्णुस्त्वा...... ॥५॥

Prajabhyah Panchapadee bhava. Sa mamanuvrata bhava. Vishnustva......

Thy fifth step should be to have off-springs of noble and lofty ideals while accompanying me. God may ....

ऋतुभ्यः षट्पदी भव । सा मामनुव्रता भव ।
विष्णुस्त्वा...... ॥६॥

Ritubhyah shat padee bhava. Sa mamanuvrata bhava. Vishnustva. ....

Thy sixth step should be to have always a natural diet and lead a natural life and

perform all religious rites and rituals faithfully while accompanying me. God may ....

सखे सप्तपदी भव । सा मामनुव्रता भव ।
विष्णुस्त्वा...... ।।७।।

Sakhe saptapadee bhava Sa mamanuvrata bhava. Vishnustva ....

Thy seventh step should be to develop real and life-long comradeship with me. God may ...

Moordha Abhisinchan

Consecration of the couple in the house-hold life

ओ३म् आपो हिष्ठा मयोभुवस्ता न ऊर्ज्जे दधातन ।
महे रणाय चक्षसे ।।१।।

ओ३म् यो वः शिवतमो रसस्तस्य भाजयतेह नः ।
उशतीरिव मातरः ।।२।।

ओ३म् तस्या अरङ्गमाम वो यस्य क्षयाय जिन्वथ ।
आपो जनयथा च नः ।।३।।

ओ३म् आपः शिवाः शिवतमाः शान्ताः शान्ततमाः ।
तास्ते कृण्वन्तु भेषजम् ।।४।।

Om Apo hishtha mayo bhuvasta na Oorje dadhatana. Mahe ranaya chakshase.

Om yo vah shivatamo rasastasya bhajayateha nah. Ushateeriva matarah.

Om tasya arangamama vo yasya Kshayaya jinvatha. Apo janayatha cha nah.

Om Apah shivah shivatamah shantah shantatamah. Taste Krinvantu bheshajam.

1. This sanctified water being sprinkled upon us may become a source of physical and spiritual prosperity for us and may help us in this great struggle of life we are entering in.

2 This liquid water is most efficacious when properly used just like the milk of a mother's udder.

3. This water sustains the vital energy in us and nourishes all the plants and herbs and thus it produces the creative energy in all animal beings.

4. This water is really auspicious and most propitious and it affords tranquility and calmness of mind and it consists of various medicinal qualities

Samarpana Mantrah

Mutual surrender of the couple

(Both bride-groom and bride respectively chant this mantra standing in order and garland each other.)

ओ३म् मम व्रते ते हृदयं दधामि । मम चित्तमनु चित्तं तेऽस्तु । मम वाचमेकमना जुषस्व प्रजापतिस्त्वा नियु-
नक्तु मह्यम् ।। पार० १।८।८

Om mama vrate te hridayam dadhami. Mama chittamanuchittam te astu. Mama vachamekamana jushaswa Prajapatistva niyunaku mahyam.

I keep thy heart intact with my religious vows and public duties and let my thoughts always follow you. You should also give your ear to my advice and let the Supreme Being make your alliance with me inseparable.

Dhruva and Arundhati Darshana

Firmness in vows consecrated

Bridegroom :—

ध्रुवं पश्य ।

Dhruvam Pashya.

O thou revered madam ! Behold the Polar Star in the sky.

Bride utters— पश्यामि pashyami. I do perceive.

Bride further utters :—

ध्रुवमसि ध्रुवाहं पतिकुले भूयासम् अमुष्य असौ ।

गोभिल० २।३।८

Dhruvamasi dhruvaham patikule bhooyasam amushya asau.

As thou art firm in thy pledges undertaken so I shall also stand firm to the pledges taken by me. I so and so shall remain life companion of Sryt ....

Bridegroom utters—

अरुन्धतिं पश्य ।। गोभिल० २।३।९

Arundhatim Pashya.

O thou respected lady ! Behold Arundhati, the morning planet.

Bride utters :—

अरुन्धत्यसि रुद्धाहमस्मि अमुष्य असौ ।।

गोभिल० २।३।१०

Arundhatyasi ruddhahamasmi amushya asau.

O thou beautiful morning planet ! As you always move around the Vashishtha Star so I so and so shall move always in the company of Sryt ....

Bridegroom utters :—

ओ३म् ध्रुवाद्यौ ध्रुवा पृथिवी ध्रुवं विश्वमिदं जगत् ।
ध्रुवासः पर्वता इमे ध्रुवा स्त्री पतिकुले इयम् ।।

मं० ब्रा० १।३।६

ओ३म् ध्रुवमसि ध्रुवन्त्वा पश्यामि ध्रुवैधि पोष्ये मयि ।
मह्यं त्वादात् वृहस्पतिर्मया पत्या प्रजावती सं जीव
शरदः शतम् ॥२॥ पार० १।८

Om dhruva dyau dhruva prithivee dhruvam vishwamidam jagat, Dhruvasah parvata ime dhruva stree patikule iyam.

Om dhruvamasi dhruvantva pashyami. dhruveidhi poshye mayi. Mahayam tvadat brihaspatir maya patya prajavatee sam jeeva shardah shatam.

1. All the stars and planets are firm. This entire universe along with mountains is firm and perpetual. Likewise this bride should remain also firm in her commitments.

2. Decidedly thou art firm and I see nothing else than firmness in thee. I assure you always to keep under my protection with due respect and honour.

I take you as a divine gift from the Omniscient Lord. You live with me with all comforts for the whole long life with your would be progeny.

Mansica Japa
Spiritual Union Consecrated

ओ३म् अन्न पाशेन मणिना प्राणसूत्रेण पृश्निना ।
बध्नामि सत्यग्रन्थिना मनश्च हृदयं च ते ।।१।।
ओ३म् यदेतद्धृदयं तव तदस्तु हृदयं मम ।
यदिदं हृदयं मम तदस्तु हृदयं तव ।।२।।
ओ३म् अन्नं प्राणस्य षड्विंशस्तेन बध्नामि त्वा असौ
मन्त्र ब्राह्मण १।३।८–१०

Om Annapashena manina pranasootrena prishnina badhnami satyagranthina manascha hridayam cha te.

Om yadetaddhridayam tava tadastu hridayam mama. Yadidam hridayam mama tadastu hridayam tava.

Om annam pranasya shadvinshas ten badhna mitva asau.

1. O thou revered Virgin ! I fasten thy mind and heart by the cord of truth as well as by this crystal bright snare of sweet and the etheral cord of energy.

2. Your heart should always coincide with mine and my heart shall coincide with yours.

3. The food presented in the form of sweets being the 26th supporter of the Vital energy Prana may serve as a spiritual tie between us.

Ashish Yachana

Blessings solicited by the bridegroom

ओ३म् सुमङ्गलोरियं बधूरिमां समेत पश्यत ।
सौभाग्यमस्यै दत्त्वा याथास्तं विपरेतन ॥

ऋ० १०।८५।३३

Om sumangaleeriyam badhuh imam sameta pashyata. Saubhagyamasai dattva yathastam Viparetana.

Gentleman and ladies ! Behold this auspicious lady as my wife and kindly be eye-witness to this holy alliance.

Please shower your blessings. Thanks for your kind participation in the ceremony.

Ashir Vada

Blessings from the audience

सौभाग्यमस्तु । शुभं भवतु ॥

Om saubhagyamastu. Om shubham bhavatu.

Blessings and good fortune be for her.

Happiness and luck may ever accompany her.

Om Shantih

महर्षि स्वामी दयानन्द सरस्वती के

कुछ मुख्य मन्तव्य

१. **अपौरुषेय ग्रन्थ**—— चारों संहिताएँ—(ऋग्--यजुष्--साम--अथर्व) ईश्वर प्रणीत स्वतः प्रमाण हैं।

२. **ऋषि कृत ग्रन्थ**—— ब्राह्मण-ग्रंथ, छः अङ्ग, छः उपाङ्ग, चार उपवेद और ११२७ शाखा-ग्रंथ सब ब्रह्मादि ऋषि प्रणीत परतः प्रमाण हैं।

३. **धर्म**—— पक्षपात रहित, न्यायाचरण, सत्यभाषणादि युक्त ईश्वराज्ञा वेदों से अविरुद्ध धर्म कहाता है।

४. **जीव**——जो इच्छा, द्वेष, प्रयत्न, सुख, दुख, ज्ञानादि गुण युक्त, अल्पज्ञ नित्य हैं उसी को जीव मानता हूँ।

५. **तीन अनादि पदार्थ**——ईश्वर, जीव और प्रकृति अर्थात् जगत् का कारण (उपादान) इन नित्य पदार्थों के गुण, कर्म, स्वभाव भी नित्य हैं।

६. **मुक्ति**——सर्व दुःखों से छूटकर बन्धन रहित सर्व व्यापक ईश्वर में और उसकी सृष्टि में स्वेच्छा से विचरना कहाती है। जीव नियत समय पर्यन्त मुक्ति के आनन्द को भोगकर पुनः संसार में आता है।

७. **मुक्ति के साधन**——ईश्वरोपासना अर्थात् योगाभ्यास, धर्मानुष्ठान, ब्रह्मचर्य से विद्या प्राप्ति, आप्त विद्वानों का संग, सत्य विद्या, सुविचार, पुरुषार्थ आदि हैं।

८. **तीर्थ**——जिससे दुःखसागर से पार उतरें कि जो सत्य-भाषण, विद्या, सत्संग, यमादि योगाभ्यास, पुरुषार्थ, विद्यादानादि शुभ कर्म हैं उन्हीं को तीर्थ समझना, इतर जलस्थलादि को नहीं।

९. **यज्ञ**--विद्वानों का यथा योग्य सत्कार, शिल्प (श्रमसाध्य कला कौशलादि), पदार्थ-विद्या (विज्ञान) का उपयोग, विद्यादि शुभ गुणों का दान तथा अग्निहोत्रादि को यज्ञ मानता हूँ।

१०. **वर्ण**--ब्राह्मण, क्षत्रिय, वैश्य, शूद्र यह ४ वर्ण हैं जो गुण, कर्म, स्वभाव पर आधारित हैं। जन्म-मात्र से कोई ब्राह्मणादि नहीं होता।

११. **देव**--विद्वानों को कहते हैं। अविद्वानों को असुर, पापियों को राक्षस, अनाचारियों को पिशाच मानना। (मनुष्य से भिन्न यह कोई योनियां नहीं हैं।)

१२. **देवपूजा**--विद्वानों, माता, पिता, आचार्य, अतिथि, न्यायकारी राजा, धर्मात्मा जन, पतिव्रता स्त्री, और पत्नीव्रत पति का सत्कार करना देवपूजा कहाती है। इससे विपरीत अदेव पूजा है।

१३. **स्वर्ग नरक**--सुख विशेष का भोग और उसकी सामग्री की प्राप्ति का नाम स्वर्ग है, इससे विपरीत नरक कहाता है।

१४. **मनुष्य**--जो मननशील होकर स्वात्मवत् अन्यों के सुख दुःख हानि लाभ को समझे। अन्यायकारी बलवान् से भी न डरे और धर्मात्मा निबल से भी डरता रहे, इतना ही नहीं किन्तु अपने सर्व सामर्थ्य से धर्मात्माओं की चाहे वे महा अनाथ, निर्बल और गुण रहित क्यों न हों उनकी रक्षा, उन्नति, प्रियाचरण और अधर्मी चाहे वह चक्रवर्ती सनाथ, महा बलवान् और गुणवान् भी हो तथापि उसका नाश, अवनति और अप्रियाचरण सदा किया करे।

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